



# Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

## Wayne County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, MI

### EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### Community Description

The Wayne County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants. Located in eastern Michigan, Wayne County (population 2,061,162) is a primarily urban area that includes the City of Detroit. The Detroit River borders the county and the Rouge River flows through it. Detroit contains a federally designated Empowerment Zone, and is a federally designated Renewal Community. The legacy of abandoned



### Assessment Grants



**\$200,000 for hazardous substances  
\$200,000 for petroleum**

EPA has selected the Wayne County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for two brownfields assessment grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct about ten Phase I, and five to eight Phase II environmental site assessments. Funds also will be used to perform three to five baseline environmental assessments and conduct community outreach activities. Petroleum grant funds will be used to perform the same tasks at sites with potential petroleum contamination.

### Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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industrial facilities and urban flight has left many of the county's older communities economically distressed. More than 2,000 brownfields, including 1,770 open leaking underground storage tanks, have been identified in the county. The state has identified over 150 abandoned gas stations in Detroit

alone. The Rouge River and areas along the Detroit River have been heavily contaminated by industrial activities. The county has a 16.4 percent poverty rate, and 48 percent of its residents are minorities. Brownfields assessment will promote the eventual cleanup and redevelopment of these sites, which will foster the re-establishment of vibrant urban neighborhoods throughout the county.